

Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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News Review Marks Another Anniversary Starts Forty-sixth Year of Publication

This week the *Greenbelt News Review* begins its forty-sixth year of continuous publication. Originally, a letter-size mimeographed publication consisting of sixteen pages, then titled the *Greenbelt Cooperator*, the paper began publication on November 24, 1937 — within six weeks after the first Greenbelt families had unpacked their household belongings.

History

Much is owed to the early Pioneers who recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep people informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that still

guide the actions of the present *News Review* — a non-partisan non-profit, cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to reflect the Greenbelt "good neighbor" philosophy of life.

At first the paper was prepared at the homes of various staff members. In January 1938 the Federal Government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the center, free of cost, and also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters, and office equipment. From its original second-floor quarters in the commercial center, the paper moved its offices four times before finally coming to rest in the present basement office at 15 Parkway.

With the withdrawal of the Federal Government from town,

See Special 45th
Edition beginning
on page 3.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the Federal policy of providing free office space with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

Free Delivery

An important development in the history of the newspaper was the decision to deliver the *Cooperator* free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The additional cost of local distribution was small, and this radical change of policy provided larger circulation figures, which could be used as evidence of the value of advertising in the *Cooperator*, once its distribution had become community wide. The town government engaged more and more space for publication of pending ordinances, budgets and the like.

The policy of free distribution remained unchanged until July 1953, when the paper was forced by financial straits to go to a subscription basis — \$3 a year. The response was fairly encouraging, but the added cost of maintaining subscription records convinced the governing body that the additional income was not worth the additional workload. More important, the board wanted every resident to receive the paper. In January 1955 the paper returned to city-wide circulation.

Financial difficulties continued to plague the newspaper, and appeals were made to the businesses and organizations in town for funds. Finally, in April 1959, the *News Review* resorted to a house-to-house community-wide drive for funds. Organized by the drive chairman, Elaine Skolnik, who was aided by 125 volunteer court collectors, the drive netted over \$1,500. It proved such an unqualified success that it was renewed again the following year.

The yield from these drives was sufficient to meet the needs and no drives have been conducted since 1960; however, a fund drive was launched in 1966 by the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee to help the paper defend itself against libel charges.

Libel Suit

The libel charges arose out of the paper's publication of remarks by citizens at a public city council meeting regarding a proposal made to the city by a local developer, Charles Bresler. A Prince Georges County jury found the remarks libelous and a \$17,500 judgment awarded Bresler was later affirmed by the Maryland Court of Appeals. The

GHI BOARD HOLDS PRELIMINARY TALKS ON PROPOSED '83 BUDGET

by Sandy Smith

A detailed discussion of the proposed budget for 1983 was the main business of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. at its regular meeting on November 9. In addition to reviewing the budget, item by item, the board and members present debated the level of services management should provide to members during the coming year and just how much these services should cost.

Maintenance

This item generated the most discussion. Even though the proposed budget for 1983 showed a reduction of about \$60,000, several board members wanted to know why this figure was not still lower, since repairs and improvements in all GHI homes had taken place under the rehabilitation program. Board members advocated different approaches to settle the issue.

Joe Jenkins recommended a further reduction in the budget—equal to the savings from the heat maintenance program—and then to give management the responsibility to decide what and how services will be provided and what staff will be needed to do so.

Jim Smith wanted the board to determine what services should be provided and set the overall costs, rather than looking at each individual cost.

Margaret Hogensen wanted to address specifics—such as why two licensed electricians would be needed. Management proposed hiring an additional licensed electrician to respond to members' calls about the heating system. Frank Gervasi thought that even though the rehabilitation program had provided many improvements, such as windows, new heating and plumbing, members would now turn their attention to other areas which have been neglected during the push to initiate and complete rehab. Wayne Williams mentioned a number of such neglected items—grounds work, sidewalks, and reforestation.

Some support was expressed also for a program of preventive

maintenance, which should prove cost effective in the long run.

On the other hand Jenkins, while supporting the value of preventive maintenance, felt that he would prefer to see the results of the rehab program settle in for the next year and to realize those savings before embarking on another major effort.

Management's response to a call for an overall reduction in the maintenance budget was that 90 percent of the maintenance work is done in response to members' calls for service and that while they have predicted a decline in service calls in 1983 they need a year's experience with the new systems to be able to better project maintenance needs. For example, General Manager Tim Mitter said that even though repair of many items would be covered under warranty, GHI must have staff to answer and investigate service calls and handle those which need immediate attention. Mitter continued, "We have made all the economies we can and still be sure that we can respond to members' needs." Informally the board appeared to agree that the proposed level of expenditures for maintenance remain as presented.

There will be a special meeting on the budget on Tuesday, Nov. 30, with final passage by the board on Thursday, Dec. 2.

One Woman Show

The "Belle of Amherst" will be performed at the Utopia Theater on Nov. 26 and 27. Hillary Smith will portray Emily Dickinson, poetess. Information call 474-7763.

Crime Prevention Meeting In Boxwood Monday Night

by Mavis Fletcher

A crime awareness meeting for residents of Boxwood Village will be held at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers on Monday, November 29. The meeting is being sponsored by the Boxwood Civic Association.

Officer Doug Sappington, a member of the Greenbelt Police Crime Prevention Team and the department's liaison with the city's Crime Prevention Committee, will discuss how citizens can help themselves and each other in preventing crime. By working together, it is possible to reduce the likelihood of any-

one's becoming a future crime statistic and suffering the anguish and expense of being victimized. Officer Sappington will show Boxwood residents how they and their homes can be made more crime resistant at little or no expense.

Boxwood Civic Association president Joe Isaacs urges all Boxwood residents to attend this meeting and points out that attendance would be an extremely wise investment for a small bit of time. For further information on the meeting, Boxwood residents can call Isaacs at 345-5671.

U.S. Supreme Court, however, in May 1970, reversed and vacated the judgment, ruling that the *News Review* was "performing its wholly legitimate function as See ANNIVERSARY, p. 4, col. 5

RESOLUTION No. 529

A Resolution Congratulating "The Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc.," better known as the "News Review" on its forty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, during the month of November, 1982, "The Greenbelt News Review" more formally known as the "Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc." is observing its Forty-Fifth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, during the past forty-five years "The Greenbelt News Review" (previously known as "The Cooperator") has faithfully served the community and has played an important role in disseminating to the citizens of Greenbelt the news of the City, the actions of the City Council, and information touching on the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a standard of excellence has been established by the people who have so unstintingly given of their time — the editors, the reporters, the business managers, and the staff — both present and past, and who continue to serve the citizens quietly and without evident recognition from week to week; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on behalf of all the citizens of Greenbelt, that the "Greenbelt News Review" and its staff be and hereby are congratulated upon the occasion of the Forty-Fifth Anniversary of the publication of the newspaper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grateful appreciation of the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt be and here is expressed to all those volunteer citizens, past and present, who have worked with extraordinary dedication and diligence during the past forty-five years to make "The Greenbelt News Review" an outstanding community newspaper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland at its Regular Meeting, November 22, 1982.

RICHARD CASTALDI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

GUDRUN MILLS
CITY CLERK



REHAB INFORMATION CEILING HEATERS

GHDC has discovered that some ceiling heaters are not working properly. Staff members have met with Emerson Electric Company, the manufacturer, and Capitol Electric Contractors, the installer. Emerson has assured GHI that there is no safety problem. Emerson has begun checking and modifying ceiling heaters. All homes will be completed as quickly as possible. You will be notified when work is scheduled for your home.

Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
ALFRED M. SKOLNIK, PRESIDENT, 1959-1977
 Editor: Mary Lou Williamson, 441-2662
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pres., Elaine Skolnik; Vice Pres., Bill Rowland; Sec., Barbara Likowski; Treas., Virginia Beauchamp; Mavis Fletcher.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$20 per year. Advertising and news articles may be mailed (Box 68, Greenbelt); deposited in our box at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday or delivered to the editorial office in the basement of 15 Parkway (474-4131). The office is open Monday after 8 pm for display advertising; deadline is 10 p.m. News articles and classified ads are accepted after 8 pm on Tuesday; deadline is 10 p.m.

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Penny Wise Pound Foolish

To the Editor:

As their massive rehabilitation effort draws to a close, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., members merit congratulations for their making another major contribution to enhancement of the quality of life in Greenbelt. Physically, GHI is the core of the core of the city. Most assuredly, in this instance, what is good for GHI is good for Greenbelt.

Rehabilitation required that GHI members assume a large debt. The time to begin repayment has now been reached. The membership and the board will want to examine closely every other expenditure item to assure that monthly charges remain at a reasonable level. Care must be taken, however, that "savings" do not turn out to be mirages. There remain to be done some rehabilitation-related tasks. Some projects—trim painting and surface drainage work come to mind—have been too long deferred. There is need for a comprehensive preventive maintenance program. To postpone undertaking these projects would be "penny wise and pound foolish," I believe. Indeed, although the need for rehabilitation was largely a function of time, it reflected to a significant degree the postponing of similar projects in times past.

There are additional reasons to have an adequate maintenance program. First, it is less costly to employ plumbers, carpenters, electricians, et al, than it is to use them on a job by job basis. Second, a large number of GHI members are elderly or handicapped persons, heads of single parent families or others unable to do their own maintenance. To "save" members two or three dollars per month at a cost of neglecting important projects and to require them to hire a plumber or electrician as needed (or worse yet try to do the work themselves) does not strike me as wise.

Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

Bingo

7:30 p.m.

every Thursday

at

St. Hugh's

135 Crescent Road

John Merricks

John M. Merricks, formerly of Greenbelt, died November 16 at his home in Lehigh Acres, Florida, at the age of 53, of cancer. John was a member of the faculty of both North End and Center Elementary Schools and Greenbelt Jr. High before taking over the head football coaching position at Crossland High School, where his football team had an enviable record (95-37-3). His team won successive Prince Georges County titles in 1967-68-69 and Class AA Region 2 in 1977.

John was considered one of the outstanding coaches in the metropolitan area and was named one of the ten outstanding educators in the county in 1978. He was cited as a teacher who teaches the "whole person."

"John Merrick," the citation read, "is interested in winning but his first priority has been to develop in young people self respect, responsibility and an ability to communicate and work with others." His illness forced him to retire that year.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, who also taught at Center School and later was principal of Adelphi Elementary; his mother, Mrs. Mary Merricks of Williamstown, W.Va.; three sons, Michael of the home address, James of Greenbelt and Newt of Cape Coral, Florida; two brothers and one grandson.

Condolences may be sent to the family at their home, 216 Lake Dr., Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936.

Thanksgiving Services

A Community Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at the Mishkan Torah, Ridge and Westway, on Thursday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m. Participating in the 32nd Interfaith Service are the Greenbelt Community Church, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Baha'i Faith and Mishkan Torah. There will be an offering for the needy.

Recreation Review

Recreation Centers

Holiday Hours

The city's Recreation Centers will be open on an extended basis for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. Both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center are offering open gym, table games and a Lounge Room for games and relaxation from 12 noon - 10 p.m. Vacationing residents, of all ages, are invited to drop by. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Bowl" Football Games

The city's championship games, both the Men's Touch and Women's Flag "Turkey Bowl Tournaments," will be held on Braden Field Thanksgiving morning. Women's games are scheduled for 10:30 a.m.; men's, 12 noon. Spectators are welcome to come down and work up an appetite for their Thanksgiving feast by cheering on their favorite teams.

GIVE YOUR FAITH A LIFT AND YOUR FAITH CAN LIFT YOU THIS WEEK

You are invited to worship with us

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
 For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Brighten up
someone's day*

PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

A GREAT GIFT,
THAT'S A
GREAT HINT!

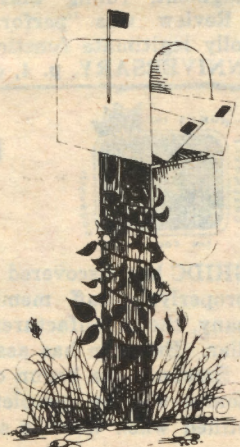
Come in and see
our fine selection

Evenings/Weekends

R.S.V.P.

345-1547

for appointment



November 18 GHI

Board Meeting

At the November 18 Greenbelt Homes Board meeting under Visitors, Evelyn Feller proposed that inasmuch as members had out-of-pocket expenses now, the Board should immediately refund the 1979 collection for Rehab expenses. Management explained that to leave the sum (\$150,000) in escrow drawing interest would mean that in 1984 it would have increased by \$100,000, and that it was proposed that this sum be used to lower the 1984 monthly charges. Margaret Hogensen, chairing the meeting, pointed out that member gain would be much greater were the money to stay where it is drawing a high interest, than to give a relatively small sum to each unit. Eunice Coxon agreed with Evelyn Feller, saying that she is convinced the members prefer to have the money right now.

Nat Shinderman suggested that the sums dedicated to reserves were in more than one place in the budget and unnecessarily confusing. Don McGinn, Comptroller, said this will be clarified in the next budget draft. Assistant manager Shekar Narasimhan explained that the

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
 474-1924

Genealogical Society

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. Members will speak on "Holiday Memories and Customs." For further information call James McCafferty at 839-5812. Visitors are welcome.

budget is now being redrafted and would be discussed November 30 at a special board meeting with final action taken on December 2.

Margaret Hogensen pointed out that the agenda was very full (the Board did not adjourn until after 1 a.m.) and no budget decisions would be taken at this meeting. (To be continued).

'So powerful is unity's light
that it can illumine the whole
earth.' —from the Baha'i
Sacred Writings

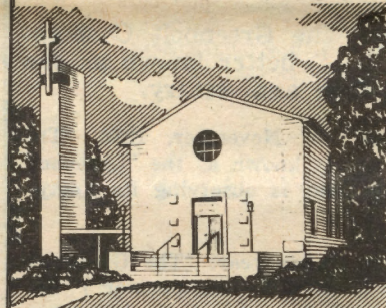
Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770
 474-4090/345-2918

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill
 Rd., Beltsville
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 First and third Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Second and fourth Sundays
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings
 Church School for All Ages -
 11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Wor-
 ship and Church School
 8 p.m. - Missions Concert
 Infant Care Provided at
 Fellowship Center behind Church
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and
 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

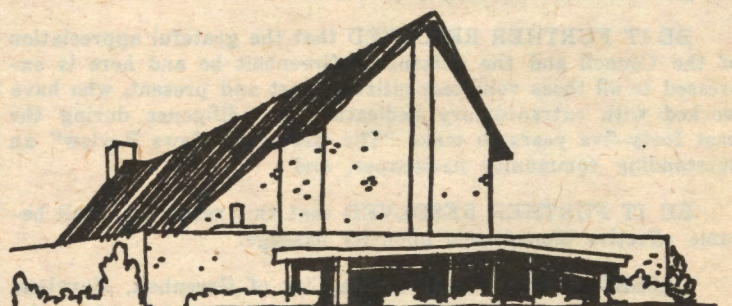
Rev. David Conway, Pastor
 Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Original Goals

1. To serve as a nonprofit enterprise.
2. To remain nonpartisan in politics.
3. To remain neutral in religious matters.
4. To print news accurately and regularly.
5. To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.

News Review Marks 45th Anniversary

Original Goals

6. To develop a staff of volunteer writers.
7. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt Philosophy" of life.

— November 24, 1937

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How to Write a News Review Article in One Easy Lesson

by Linda Orenstein

If you have never written an article for the Greenbelt News Review amidst a chorus of screams, demands and crises, you have not lived. This task requires the fortitude of a mountain climber, the patience of Dr. Seuss's Horton while hatching the egg and the concentration of a yoga enthusiast, all qualities I seem to lack when the Tuesday night deadline draws near. I have noted the reactions of people when they see a mother interacting with young children. Many people smile understandingly. Others direct a withering stare in my direction, which instantly communicates that I will not be chosen mother of the year. The last group appears uncomfortable and promptly vanishes. I have been asked why I don't interview people in person with the children in tow. I reply that this is not done. It is perilous, ridiculous, harmful to your mental health, and I do my interviewing by telephone.

Telephone Interviews

The reaction I cannot gauge is that of the unsuspecting telephone interviewee, who is to supply me with information for an article. The strange noises, piercing screeches and background accompaniment must be disturbing, if not puzzling. While answering my questions regarding a water main project, a pipeline stretching for 24 miles from Beach Drive in Montgomery County to Central Avenue in Prince Georges County, one City Manager in these parts was treated to shrieks. He most politely suggested that I see to my youngster. I had, while taking notes, most deftly extracted a small blue rubber ball from between two rows of little teeth. The screaming stopped and the interview continued. I had (for once) handled the situation coolly, the way mothers do on television and in magazine articles.

A Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission engineer, who was giving me technical details on the water main project, hesitantly questioned the source of sounds floating through the receiver. Somehow I hadn't thought that he could hear all the noise and surprised, I replied truthfully that it was supplied by two visting nieces and my two children, all under five years of age, with the help of a xylophone, a radio-like toy, records, falling books, and the patter of little feet . . .

People that I speak to on the telephone must notice that I pause or draw a blank occasionally. I may respond incoherently to a question, or not at all. During these lapses I am doing what one always does when on the phone — shushing, waving, pointing; dispensing cheese, juice and cookies; settling toy disputes; watching imminent apple juice floods; disentangling small necks from telephone cords and the like.

Writing the Article

The next stage is to write the article itself. This can be accomplished during the "Golden Moments". These quiet violet times of the day, familiar to all mothers, occur at "Nap-time" and "Bedtime". If I fool-

Anniversary Edition

This special edition of the News Review stresses the last five years of publication. In November of 1967, 1972 and again in 1977, 30th, 35th and 40th anniversary issues were published, copies of which are still available at the office.

Staff members Sandra Barnes, Mary Lou Williamson, Barbara Likowski, Rema Boscov and Bill Rowland prepared this issue.

Elaine Skolnik and Evelyn Wagner obtained the advertising.

ishly attempt to write during "normal people" hours I resemble a jack-in-the-box and seem to have the nonexistent brain of the Wizard of Oz' scarecrow as I jot down disjointed phrases in between "I'm hungry"; "I want someone to play with"; "When Mickey Mouse Club on T.V." and the high pitched whines of one who cannot yet fully communicate.

Typing

When I have managed to write something intelligible I stealthily try to type it. By some coincidence my five year old does not want to color, paint, or paste, or to go to someone else's house to play. An active 18 month old who is usually exhausted at 1 p.m. seems wide awake and no amount of enticement (bribery) will cause him to nap. There I am standing at the kitchen counter, the only possible safe place, typing furiously, for I never know when my time is up.

I have considered answering the phone with "Bedlam"; "Union Station" and other witticisms which I cannot mention here. I think of how nice it would be to write an article in an atmosphere of tranquility. How wonderful to have time to myself to think (time alone, what's that?). Then I realize how unnatural that would seem. An absence of noise would have me unnerved. I would become quiet-crazed. No, I like it much better this way, screams, demands, crises and all.

— January 5, 1978

GHI--A Look into History



Original Signer of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., mortgage Bruce Bowman tears up copy in Mortgage Retirement Ceremony Sunday, January 29, 1978. President James W. Smith looks on.

— February 2, 1978

by Sandra Barnes

On this day, twenty-five years ago, cooperative housing became a reality in Greenbelt. But, the seed for Greenbelt began much further back in time, and another continent away.

At the turn of the century, an English pioneer of modern city planning, Ebenezer Howard, conceived a plan of a garden city which combined city and country life, a town protected forever from overcrowding and undesirable building on neighboring land. Two English towns, Letchworth and Welwyn, were built to his model.

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NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN HERE SOON		JOURNALISTIC CLUB BEGINS WORK ON NEWSPAPER	
Co-Op Gas Station Starts Operations		Consumer Services Aids Greenbelt Weekly	
Opening date of the new store has, for several weeks, varied for hours with the bus service and politics as the most popular conversation piece in Greenbelt; and it is felt that at this time some word of its progress will be welcome.		The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting Thursday evening, November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, 35 G Ridge Road.	
While Consumer Services is ready to open the store, there will be some delay until the premises are ready for occupation. Electricity and refrigeration have not yet been provided for, and as several holes have yet to be drilled through the eight inches of concrete floor, and plumbing lines have to be run through the building, it is unlikely that the store will be ready for several days.		More than fifteen persons participated in a general discussion on the best methods now available for the distribution of authentic news and announcements in Greenbelt.	
This announcement was made with deep regret by Mr. R. M. Templeman, store manager, who had hoped for an earlier opening date.		Several attending the meeting summarized their personal experiences in publicity and newspaper work and volunteered their services as reporters.	
The filling station, by way of compensation, has now been operating for several days. This will also be run according to the cooperative principle, meaning that the Greenbelt car owner may now buy gas as well as groceries cooperatively.		Tentatively, a plan was suggested to issue six numbers of the Cooperator, a weekly journal, covering matters of local community interest.	
---		The principle generally adopted by club members is that any bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively designed.	
(Continued on Page Two)		As its first venture the club will sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperator with the assistance of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.	
---		The club elected the following officers: Louis Bessemer, president; William R. Poole, vice president;	
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VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1

This is how the first page of the first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator looked. The first issue appeared on November 24, 1937 and consisted of 16 letter-sized mimeographed pages of local news and editorial content.

In 1935, in what was hailed as "the first large-scale attempt in this country to integrate all the factors that go to make a community," plans for building four new "green towns" were formulated by the federal government's Resettlement Administration. According to Howard's ideal, each town would sit in the midst of several thousand acres of land which would protect it from blight and encroachment.

Innovative Program

This innovative program of the Franklin D. Roosevelt New Deal Administration would emphasize the amenities of life rather than profits, would provide well-built, low-maintenance and, as a result, low-cost rental housing for those low and middle income people heretofore confined to crowded city dwellings.

In October 1935, 4,000 men, mostly from relief rolls, were employed to construct Greenbelt's original 500 homes, 288 apartment units, shopping center, community building and school, plus roads and recreational facilities.

Greenbelt — or "Tugwelltown" as it was sometimes called after Rexford Guy Tugwell, the colorful administrator of the Resettlement Administration — opened in 1937. Very soon every home and apartment was occupied, with a long waiting list.

Greenbelt was laid out on a curved ridge encircling the community building and recreation facilities. The road system followed the lines of the ridge, creating large superblocks of residences as well as roads leading to the town center and the recreation areas adjoining the lake . . .

Early Rules

PHA was often a stern administrator. The government agency would not permit alterations to interiors or exteriors of homes. Residents could not make changes in the contours of the grounds, plant or alter trees or shrubs without the agency's consent. PHA required information on changes in family size. Children could play only in designated play areas — not in streets, driveways or garage areas. Repairing automobiles in parking areas was prohibited. One could not move furniture except in daylight hours. Residents could not hang laundry after 5 p.m. on any week-day and not at all on Sunday or holidays. No fences were permitted in the original part of Greenbelt. No dogs, cats, rabbits, ducks, chickens or other animals except for tropical fish and birds in cages were allowed . . .

In 1952, the drive to purchase the town resulted in some 800 residents putting up \$100 each in "good faith" money to show their intention of buying into the fledgling housing corporation. However, a small vocal opposition did exist which preferred to pay rent to PHA rather than participate in mutual ownership. On September 26, 1952, the Public Housing Authority sold

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Editorials We Remember . . .

The Unthinkable

The News Review has not failed to publish even one of its weekly issues in the more than 44 years of its existence. But yesterday morning we were hit by one of life's unthinkables, and in the first panic it seemed we might have nothing — absolutely nothing — to print this week.

The ritual is that every Tuesday evening all the copy for that week's issue is "put to bed" ready for printing. Wednesday morning a community volunteer takes the entire bundle, in a brown vinyl briefcase, to the printshop in Hyattsville. Our conscientious courier for the past year has been a young man who makes the trip on motorcycle. Yesterday morning he set out as usual, with full briefcase strapped on behind him — and then, the unthinkable happened.

Southbound on Kenilworth Avenue, in rush-hour traffic, the briefcase fell off. By the time our courier could get turned around, the briefcase, and its contents, had disappeared. Despite a day of searches along Kenilworth's shoulders, phone calls to area police jurisdictions and schools, and radio appeals for return of the lost material, by late last night the briefcase and its contents were still missing.

All day yesterday the few available members of our volunteer staff worked hurriedly to reconstruct as much as possible of the missing material, and our printer worked late to set the copy and ads. The result is not the paper we had planned. Perhaps the most that can be said is that we haven't let the News Review's record of continuous publication be broken.

We apologize to any of our contributors, our advertisers, or our readers who are inconvenienced in any way as a result of . . . the unthinkable!

— March 25, 1982

Won't Somebody Come?

A guest editorial by Harry Zubkoff

A few years ago a popular slogan captured everyone's imagination: "What if they threw a war and nobody came?" In a more modest way, the same thing could be said about a newspaper: what if they tried to put out a newspaper and nobody came? More specifically, what if we tried to put out the Greenbelt News Review and nobody came? Think about it for a minute.

If nobody came, there would be no News Review. If there were no News Review, we think this would not be the community that it is. Oh, the city would still be there — but the community, the sense of belonging, the sense of identity, the esprit, the very essence of Greenbelt — all that would no longer exist. Sociologists and urban planners all agree that the community newspaper is the vital force linking the various segments of a disparate urban environment into a cohesive social entity.

So it is with Greenbelt. People tell us that the single most unifying element around which our community has coalesced is the Greenbelt News Review. Whether you love it or hate it, whether you believe it does a superb job, an adequate job or a miserable job, is immaterial. Whatever you think of it, it is the indispensable ingredient of the democratic personality known as Greenbelt.

Yet today, the paper exists on a very fragile foundation. It is published each week by the efforts of a handful of public spirited citizens who cannot be expected to continue to perform forever. Unless more of our residents come forward to join in this common effort, there is a clear and present danger that the paper may not last much longer. Of all the things that could happen to our community, the demise of the News Review would be, we think, the most tragic and the most traumatic.

It is not so much a question of money as it is a question of people. Without an infusion of new blood, we cannot continue to function much longer. We need people, desperately, to perform all the sundry tasks associated with the publication of a newspaper — willing to devote one evening per week or a few daytime hours to this public service and who would be willing, over a period of time as they gain experience, gradually to assume a substantial share of the responsibility for this vitally important function. The pay is only nominal but the rewards in terms of self-satisfaction are immeasurable.

So how about it friends? If you want to become a part of an essential community effort, stop in at our office any Tuesday evening at 15 Parkway in the basement, or call 441-2662 or 474-6060.

— May 29, 1980

The Perfect Tribute

Although the expected centerpiece of the weekend — the formal dedication of a Greenbelt landmark to Franklin Delano Roosevelt — was missing from the commemoration festivities, what we were really celebrating, and why, was apparent everywhere. That was the spirit of the people set free by the changed circumstances that the New Deal vision made possible. Everywhere were current and oldtime Greenbelters, embracing dear friends, recalling together the turn in their lives in those dark Depression days that moving to Greenbelt had meant for them.

"There were some failures," as Sherrod East reminded us at the lakeside program on Sunday. "We were a close knit group, but we did not agree about everything." And somehow that right to disagree — to work out our differences, to forge our own destiny — was in retrospect a cherished value of life in Greenbelt. But even greater were the bonds of friendship and community that have held us together all these years.

The politics of the New Deal was centered in improving the lives of all the people. That these could be so richly enhanced by the very design of the city in which we dwelt was a noble vision. The houses so painstakingly constructed in those long ago days — these have endured. And so have the school, the swimming pool, the stores and theatre. They were built to last. But what in fact the designers forged was the spirit of community.

For that achievement, the renewal of friendships during this past weekend was the perfect tribute to the President whose centennial we gathered to celebrate.

— October 7, 1982

NEWS REVIEW EDITORS SINCE 1962

Virginia Beauchamp	June 1962 - December 1962
Russell S. Greenbaum	January 1963 - June 1963
Dorothy Sucher	July 1963 - September 1963
Mary Lou Williamson	February 1964 - October 1964
Dorothy Sucher	November 1964 - December 1965
Mary Lou Williamson	January 1966 - February 1967
Mary Smith Granofsky	March 1967 - October 1972
Mary Lou Williamson	November 1972 -

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a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its news columns." To hold otherwise, the high court said, "would subvert the most fundamental meaning of a free press."

During the 4-year legal struggle, the Freedom of the Press Committee collected over \$30,000 from the community to help meet legal expenses and to pay the judgment in case of an unsuccessful appeal. (\$20,000 was later returned to contributors).

Staffing

The entire staff consists of volunteer workers, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community's activities. Since March 1957, nominal payments have been authorized to the editorial staff and to columnists — when finances permit, of course. There have been 39 changes in editorship during the papers 44 years. The position is at present held by Mary Lou Williamson and there are 52 staff members.

An innovation begun three years ago, augmenting the staff through an agreement with the Departments of English and Journalism of the University of Maryland to accept placement of student interns, is being continued to the News Review's advantage.

Interns have participated in the regular work of writing and editing copy for the paper. The program is sponsored by the Alfred M. Skolnik Memorial Fund. This fund also provides for a yearly \$100 Savings Bond to be awarded to an outstanding Eleanor Roosevelt graduate interested in the field of writing.

Except for the interns, all staff members are volunteers — a fact which makes particularly notable the paper's absolute continuity since that first issue 45 years ago.

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They, them — those pronouns express correctly the sense of separation between the newer parts of Greenbelt and the community whose oldest sections began 40 years ago. The Baltimore-Washington Parkway is a veritable Grand Canyon in its restriction of communication between these two parts of the city.

Yet that canyon can be bridged!

Let us consider the benefits that will be forthcoming for residents of Greenbriar when the proposed pedestrian overpass connecting with Gardenway in old Greenbelt is built. Senior citizens in Greenbriar will be able to walk to the Youth Center, to join in the card games and other programs of the Golden Age Club. It will be possible to stroll to the post office to pick up a package or buy some stamps; take part in the many recreational programs and classes for all ages; join the joggers, walkers, and cyclists who circle the lake; stay for a picnic or take out a boat; walk the nature trails to be developed in the woods west of the B-W Parkway, and join in or view the games at the new ballfield complex there. One can walk to weekly service at one of the churches or the synagogue. It will be feasible to cash a check, buy a dozen eggs or a spool of thread — all without waiting for the family vehicle to return; pick up an ice cream cone, get an emergency shoe repair, or get one's hair cut — all without taking out the car. In short, be a Greenbelter.

— January 26, 1978

We're Moving!

The News Review will move its quarters this week from the basement of 15 Parkway to the 16th floor of the Maryland Trade Center.

— April Fool Issue, 1982

Police Blotter

The Police Department began receiving frequent phone calls from a person who continued to call without giving any information. Investigation disclosed that the caller was a five-year-old boy. His mother advised him to discontinue the calls.

— March 12, 1981

"Weird People"

To the Editor:

I loved last week's letter to the editor by the Grenoble Theatre Guild "They (the people who frequent health spas) are not likely to desire shopping and they are definitely not likely to frequent eating places..." We are to believe that people who go to health spas don't do any shopping and don't eat. Surely, they are thoroughly weird people who should not be encouraged to come to Greenbelt. And I assume, following their logic, that anyone on a diet is immediately kicked out of the Grenoble Theatre Guild and cultural centers!

— November 8, 1979

O Hallows Night...

by Hally Ahearn

Ah October. On day one the onslaught begins. The air turns nippy, affecting the entire school age population. Even mothers who have forsaken bringing joy from anywhere but the dimstore hunch their backs.

The first dig comes home from school, an innocent scarecrow, dittoed in light blue and with his parts-to-color labeled: orange, yellow, brown, black. A harvest symbol, I say to myself. Never breathing the dreaded word, I compliment my six year old and concur with the teacher's star. But the cork is out. A witch and a ghost come home the next day. They're just learning black and white I say feebly to myself, but the word is spoken — Hallo-we'en.

"Can you make my costume tonight, because so it will be done, not like last year?"

Last year, I think. Oh, yes. Under the full moon I sewed white stars onto stretchy blue nylon (you try it) to adorn the prepubescent bottom in the regalia of her heroine — Wonder Woman.

"Not tonight, honey."

But the deliberations have begun. First, all the TV characters — the Bionic Woman, Mork, Laverne and Shirley — are rejected. The dimstore hussies have already snapped these up.

"Trust me. You don't want to be the Incredible Hulk."

"I'm a baby," the unenlightened two year old searches for meaning in the conversation.

"No," I say sensibly, "you're a big little girl."

In two days big/little has developed a full vocabulary on the subject.

"Hallowe'en. He's coming. I say tweet, tweet."

"No! You say TRICK... OR... TREAT. Say it. Trick or treat!"

Six has two by the shoulders and is grabbing the opportunity to practice gestapo tactics.

"We have to make decora-

tions" ... in the whining-hour before bed.

"I can't draw. You draw it."

"No, no, I want to tape it. I want to."

"I can't cut it. You cut it."

Next July I will glance at the Scotch tape on the window and, in a weak moment, think of scraping it off. But next October will be too near.

The decision across the street has been made. The friend will be a kangaroo. Worse, the material has been bought. The model for the costume, a stuffed toy, will go in the pouch.

I call, feigning interest. "Fake fur, huh... Not too expensive? Good!" But what I really want to know is "You haven't started sewing have you?" "Well, not tonight." That's a relief. Then the jackpot. An old monkey suit, made for the friend when she was two.

"I'm Hallowe'en. I want to be a monkey!"

"That's right, sweetheart," I say, humming. "I get by with a little help from my friends" for the next few days. After all, the problem is solved — for one of them, at least.

The papers are pouring in now, frayed by the past-mid-month wind on their journey home — pumpkins, witches, cats, ghosts, goblins. Jack-O-Lantern happy faces smile from papers other times marked curtly "V.G." Illustrated poems copied to improve handwriting:

Stirring and stirring and stirring our brew

Whoo-oo! Whoo-oo!

On the tenth repeated round, dear children, warts grow on your mother's face.

It's transition time. "A bag white puffy dress" — Grandma has some old satin curtains. Buy a little netting for underneath. "A sparkling necklace" — the family jewels. "Wings" — wings?

The fairy queen rules with an iron wand:

I see a ghoul on Hallows' night Bending clackly over her machine

Bleakly wishing for a boy

A smudged bum's face, and not a queen

She is a witch of Hallowe'en.

— October 25, 1979

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To the Editor:

Isn't it nice to know you're officially middle aged?

Seriously, completing your 41st year of continuous publication is a significant milestone and one you truly can be proud of.

As a longtime reader of the *News Review*, I also can say your years of publication have been years of invaluable service to the Greenbelt community. Like the city itself, you have grown up since your beginnings as a mimeographed newsletter in 1937.

The future should hold nothing but good things for a publication with such a worthy past. Congratulations!

Gladys Noon Spellman,
Member of Congress

— December 7, 1978

Congratulations

To the Editor:

I want to express my admiration of the citizens of Greenbelt for their recent efforts on the student placement question.

It was truly one of the most thoroughly researched, purposeful, organized and effective examples of citizen participation I have ever seen, and a testimony to the fact that citizen participation in democracy does work. Congratulations to the Greenbelt School Study Committee and all who helped.

Congratulations also to the staff and directors of the *Greenbelt News Review* for its excellent coverage of the issue.

— March 30, 1978

Excellent Job

To the Editor:

It is probably well known in Greenbelt that I have often criticized the *News Review*. Either in the letters column, or individually to a reporter, I have on occasion been critical of the particular coverage an issue received, or called for more objectivity in the reporting.

I would consider it remiss on my part, however, if I did not publicly commend your reporter . . . for the excellent job she did on the B-W Parkway overpass story in last week's *News Review*.

In my opinion, her story provided interested readers, especially those who were not present, an extremely fair and accurate account of a very long and intense City Council Session.

It is safe to say that this overpass issue will be with us for some time. The community discussion that will ensue was surely aided by the high calibre of reporting . . .

— February 15, 1979

APRIL FOOL

To the Editor:

Thank you, staff members, for the light-hearted articles which were written for the "April Fool" edition of the GNR. Each article seemed to get better and better as I read on. It would be fun to gather all the April Fool editions into a pullout section, possibly next year, to see what matters occupied our attention in earlier years. My very best wishes to all of you. May you continue your creative efforts for many more editions.

— April 8, 1982

Comments on Editing

. . . I write a lot of letters to the *News Review*. I don't believe members of the staff dislike me particularly (especially because I help proofread when I am needed and also help type if asked) and I do not know that all members of the staff disagree with my ideas. However, my letters get edited too. I believe critics should realize that editing is a right of editors.

First, as we all learned in the famous *News Review* libel suit, it is the publisher who bears the brunt of a suit, not the persons who may have written the letters or made the statements in question. For this reason alone editors should have the right to remove any material they may think scurrilous.

As an example, in a recent letter I commented on foul language spoken, not even identifying the individual, but the editors thought my comments should be removed (including something I was rather proud of, a statement to the effect that mouths should have been washed out with soap). From my point of view my letter was weakened; from theirs, an overly tendentious remark had merely been expurgated. My views on profanity they regarded as matter of opinion, not fact.

Second, a letter may be edited because the writer has not made his or her meaning clear. If those preparing the paper are unable to understand a garbled sentence they delete it.

Third, the editors do correct spelling and sentence structure (provided they are sure of the meaning). I happen to think that in many cases it might be better if the public could see the original form in which some letters come in, but I am not in the editorial seat. I believe that this is a general practice among newspaper editors, not merely a habit of the *News Review*.

Fourth, most newspapers, including the *News Review* have a limited amount of space. Letters that are unnecessarily lengthy or verbose beg to be edited or at least tightened up.

Finally, double-talk, innuendo, reckless charges unsupported by proof, hearsay, and statements contrary to fact should not be reprinted as if they were true. Editors have a moral and legal obligation not to print letters containing material they know not to be true, and certainly they have the right to make editorial comments when they believe a letter writer has made a false statement.

As a matter of fact, newspapers don't have to print readers' letters at all, let alone the readers' every golden word. I am glad they print as much as they do — and I wish the *Washington Post* would print more of the juicy ones I write!

— May 31, 1979

Open Criticism Lacking

To the Editor:

Please print this. It will benefit you, as an alleged independent newspaper, to examine your ethics.

Your reporting and choice of letters read like they are written by agents of the GHI Corporation. Open criticism is reduced to the smallest space allowed or none at all.

The absence of reader accountability invites irresponsibility, prejudicial reporting, conflicts of interest. Missing are the complaints of accelerating rents, debts, incompetencies, overzealous empire-building, and reckless mischief.

Year-end expressions of goodwill are observed to be a manipulative pretense. The cost to the people will be punishingly high unless they voice a loud mandate for change.

Editor's Note: Duly printed.

— January 21, 1982

OUCH!

To the Editor:

Flourescent is the smell of Betty Crocker's line of goods. Fluorescent is an adjective applied to a type of low pressure mercury vapor discharge lamp, using a coating which shifts ultraviolet light into the visible range. And may the twain never meet again, especially on the front page of the *Greenbelt News Review*.

— April 19, 1979

We Goofed

Ms Blank has correctly pointed out an error in her letter-to-the editor in the May 4 issue of the *News Review*. She referred to herself as "an optimist" not an opportunist. The *News Review* regrets the error.

— May 18, 1978

Uncharacteristic Hostility

To the Editor:

A very brief reply to your "Silly Season" editorial. Both the editorial and related article displayed an uncharacteristic hostility and a lack of objectivity on the part of your four reporters . . .

I am hopeful that the GHI/NEC grant application will be acted on favorably by HUD.

I am also hopeful that the standards for objective reporting in your newspaper will improve — maybe after the Silly Season.

— August 3, 1978

Silly Season Continued

To The Editor:

The *Greenbelt News Review* does not like to print my letters and just ignored my last one. However, I feel constrained to answer their editorial tidbit "The Silly Season?"

. . . For my part, it is a comfort to know that my local government examines carefully every document presented to it for approval.

— July 27, 1978

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A Call to Arms

Next Tuesday marks a good opportunity for Greenbelt citizens to register their protests against the proposed redistricting plan for the specified nine new county council seats. Did we say "register their protests"? **Scream their outrage** would be more appropriate. Rarely have politicians dared to act in a way so nakedly self-serving.

— October 8, 1981

Correction

The News Review regrets an inadvertent magnification of the height of the proposed Greenbelt Hilton Hotel described on page 7 of the June 4 issue.

The 13 story tower of the hotel may reach a height of 175 feet, but not 715 feet, as stated. At 715 feet, each of the 13 stories would be 52 feet high.

— June 11, 1981

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— September 16, 1982

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Relax at the Pool

by Linda Orenstein

Summer. The word brings heat to mind, swimming and, naturally, the pool. The pool is where you'll find most children on hot summer afternoons, the younger ones invariably accompanied by their ever-watching mothers.

The pool is not just a place to go, it's an entire day's experience. This "experience" begins at 7:30 a.m. Before I can flutter my eyelids, through my haze I hear the 5½ year old's hit tune, "Are we going to the pool today?" I, of course, summoning all my early morning motherly understanding and patience give my ever-ready reply "we'll see" to the already bathing-suited figure. We eat breakfast, do errands, wash or whatever to the refrain "Are we going to the pool today?" It must be one of the top ten because I know that I'm not the only mother who's heard it. At lunchtime I'm thoroughly worn out. I have considered the weather, no one is sick, the pool is on! The problem is solved, or so I thought. Now she begins to ask, "When are we going to the pool?" I steel myself and try to remember that she's only 5½ years old and why should she remember that every afternoon for at least a year her brother has napped from 1-2:30 p.m.

Among other things (such as trying to write News Review articles) nap time is the time to pre-prepare dinner so that I can go to the pool, stay a while and not have to rush when we return. The time is also spent reassuring my daughter that we will go to the pool, yes or no so-an-so may or may not go with us, and shshshshsh — don't wake your brother YET!

We are in our bathing suits when the little one gets up. All we have to do now is dress him, (more easily said than done) and go. After arguments over which toys to take and who will hold the towels, we're off. Our drive to the pool is short, but the few yards to the bathhouse are punctuated by stumbling due to two year old unsteadiness in flip-flops. Fumbling to whip out my pool pass while holding the toys, towels, pocketbook and hands, I remember my brilliant idea of holding the pass in my teeth the way Spanish dancers hold roses. Oh well, maybe tomorrow.

We trudge through the shower rooms, (why are they so interesting?) and out into the sunlight. After depositing our paraphernalia near the baby pool my daughter is off to find her friends in the "big pool". The slight glaze in her eyes tells me that the safety reminders I have just repeated were forgotten in half a second. Now I look forward to some relaxation while concentrating the eyes in the back of my head on the active two year old. All the children take each others' toys, which were uninteresting until someone else holds them. The mothers, far more polite, quickly return the boat, tube or pail to its rightful owner. When inspection of whatever is floating in the pool gets boring, there's always the gate. That gate that I counted on to keep my son in the baby pool area is a disappointment to me. Someone is always opening or closing it and he finds it more fun to lock everyone in and RUN! I see him slip through, momentarily eye the water fountain and make a beeline for the big pool. I am still in the enclosure and quickly calculate my alternatives. I could vault the fence and head him off. Next thought: are you kidding? Panting as I run, I wonder if anyone

A Caring Community

THANKS

To the Editor:

Have you ever heard the roar of the engines and the blare of the sirens and wondered where they were going? Have you ever wondered how they managed to get to the burning building so quickly? Why do these brave men and women risk their lives for us every day and night without question? Most of us only take a brief second to think about these things and then we let the thought pass, my husband and myself included.

On Tuesday, November 24, my husband and I had been away from our house for approximately 45 minutes when we learned that in that short period of time we had a fire in our kitchen. Two people had tried to put the fire out (without success), the fire department was called, responded, and had extinguished the fire.

We wish to thank the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for the quick and efficient way they handled our emergency. It should also be mentioned that these men took extreme care not to damage any of our personal belongings.

We also wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their help and many offers of assistance.

— December 31, 1981

THANKS

Recently I became very ill and had to be hospitalized very suddenly. It was an unexpected and frightening experience, for myself as well as my family. I was able to rest and recuperate faster, however, thanks to the many offers of help I received from friends and neighbors. I had many people caring for my three small children and my house and running various errands for me.

will stop him before he plunges in—Adrenalin pumping, I break all olympic records only to find that he has stopped at the pool's edge.

Once he has spotted his sister in the pool no amount of coaxing will get Mr. Two Year Old back to shallow water, so in I go. I can be found there bouncing him up and down and up and down. This unpatented technique is supposed to prevent him from wriggling out of my arms in four feet of water, effective, but hard to keep up. To vary the activity I start to teach him to paddle and kick. You must understand the atmosphere. It's hot, the pool is full of shrieking children enjoying themselves, and my daughter and her friends are gathered around us. "Watch my headstand, handstand, somersault," I hear disappointedly while trying to keep the other one's head above water. The next thing I know, someone is swimming through my legs to demonstrate her underwater prowess, or grasping at my already full arms to show me her crawl.

My son otherwise busies himself by making frequent naked runs to the bathhouse, using other people's towels and brushes, and licking used popsicle sticks near the snack stand. When I decide that it's long-past leaving time, I gather the protesting twosome plus gear and head for home. As we reach the door of the car I'm feeling self-satisfied. I may not have relaxed near the pool reading a good book, but it was worth seeing my children cool and happy. I turn the key in the lock, and blissfully unaware of the frown on my daughter's face, hear the words "Are we coming to the pool tomorrow?"

— August 3, 1978.

I received so many, many offers of help. I am so appreciative to all of those who helped me.

Many, many thanks to you all! I have discovered that Greenbelt is, indeed, a "caring community."

— August 12, 1982

"Kind-hearted People"

To the Editor:

When I was at the Co-op store the other day, the empty grocery carts were jammed together. Before I could begin to try to loosen one, a boy about 14 years of age pulled a cart out for me to use. When I got to the check-out counter, an empty cart was blocking the entrance. Before I could begin to move the cart, a man in the next lane stepped over and moved the cart out of my way.

On the loading platform, when I was starting to lift a bag of groceries out of my cart, a lady came over and carried the bag to my car. I thank you, you three

whose names I do not know, proof that there are still kind-hearted people around.

A grateful 81-year-old lady
— July 16, 1982

Open Letter to Postmaster

In light of the frequent adverse criticism directed at the Postal Service, you may be interested to learn of two rather unusual experiences I had with personnel of the Greenbelt Post Office on Monday last.

During the morning, our doorbell rang and our mailman handed my wife a \$5.00 bill which apparently had been dropped by one of the youngsters who had previously made deliveries.

To me, in this day and age, this was unusual, especially since the mailman's thoughtfulness avoided what may have been a serious financial loss to the youngster.

The same afternoon, my wife's car got hung up on an ice shelf adjacent to the Co-op. A young man approached and again, with

unusual thoughtfulness and some considerable expenditure of time and energy, managed to free the car. As he walked away, I observed a U.S. Postal Service patch on his sleeve.

I consider both of these incidents unusual even though service-related in the first case, and especially so since both occurred the same day.

Honesty, courtesy and consideration of this nature certainly are worthy of recognition and commendation.

— February 2, 1978

THANKS

To the Editor:

If I haven't ever thanked you for the help you have given me with articles for the paper in the past 19 years, I wish to do so now. I want to leave Greenbelt (by September 28) not owing anyone anything.

To say so long to a community that I have learned to love and made so many friends in isn't too easy.

— September 6, 1979

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GHI History

(continued from page 3)

Greenbelt to GVHC for \$6,285,-450.00. The newly-formed corporation bought 1,575 homes. Later, they purchased 700 acres of undeveloped land and 60 apartment units. Title to the homes and 250 acres of land was passed to the corporation on December 31 and signed by then President Michael Salzman; secretary, Bruce Bowman; treasurer, Thomas Ritchie.

First General Manager

In January, 1953, Paul M. Campbell was hired as the first general manager, and the corporation moved from its quarters at 40-A Crescent Road to its present location on Hamilton Place. Mary Jane Kinzer became supervisor of social services. David J. Kane was the first superintendent of maintenance.

Except for a two-year period when John O. Walker was general manager, the only other general manager the corporation has known has been Royal D. Breashears, who has guided the organization since 1962.

The major change in GHI's history is, perhaps, that GHI and Greenbelt are no longer synonymous. The "green belt" around the homes has been chipped away little by little until GHI is barely one-fourth of the city's total population. Two major highways — the Baltimore Washington Parkway and the Beltway — have in large measure brought private development to Greenbelt as the city has grown to nearly 20,000 residents.

Yet, the philosophy of Ebenezer Howard, of Rexford Guy Tugwell of the federal govern-

ment's community manager in those early days, Charles Cormack, and so many other Greenbelt residents continues on with each Board of Directors seeking to protect the land and maintain each home in its belt of green.

Sustained Enthusiasm

Ten years after Greenbelt was built, it was said that no other city "attracted the sustained popular enthusiasm evoked by Greenbelt, none has capitivated its visitors — or, indeed, its residents — to the same extent." In many ways, this remains true today.

GHI today stands financially strong and proud of its history, proud of its many achievements, of fostering the goal of cooperative living throughout the United States and abroad, and of producing second and third generations of Greenbelters who choose to remain in the town in which they grew up.

In Appreciation

We thank the many who — over the years — have provided GHI with wise and loving guidance, including the following:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt

Rexford Guy Tugwell, Administrator, Resettlement Administration, 1935

Wallace Richards — Executive in Charge, Greenbelt Project

Hale Walker — Town Planner

Reginald J. Wadsworth and

Douglas D. Ellington — Principal Architects

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Charles Cormack — Community Manager, PHA

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GHI Rehab - Pro and Con

Hurray!

To the Editor:

"Hurray" for Greenbelt! We GHI members waved those pink cards Wednesday night until our arms hurt. At last we voted to renovate our homes . . .

— October 26, 1978

Letters Page Puts Reader in Hysterics

To the Editor:

By the time I finished reading the letters-to-the-editor page last week, I was laughing hysterically. I then read it to my husband who couldn't believe his ears. Different ideas and opinions are what help to make our lives and country interesting, but honestly the letters-to-the-editor page is beginning to read like a comedy revue, with the same characters week-in and week-out . . .

— May 25, 1978

Examine Budget Carefully

To the Editor:

One of the things many of my

friends in Greenbelt hold against me, as does the gentleman who thinks I am a "rabble rouser," is that I do not believe in the sanctity of the coop. It does not take the place of God for me . . .

— December 20, 1979

Spirit of Compromise

To the Editor:

The letters to the Editor in your April 2 issue were very interesting, but a little sad as well. The Rehabbers . . . were celebrating their victory with joyful shouts and the anti-Rehabbers mourned their apparent defeat in bitter tones . . .

Is GHI, then, to be divided into camps? Should we erect an Iron Curtain or to maintain the architectural character of GHI, a masonry wall between these two camps?

. . . It is time for those on both sides who pride themselves on having "the courage of their convictions" to remember that the spirit of compromise is necessary for any democratic

group . . .

Like it or not, rehabilitation is with us . . .

— April 16, 1981

Another Opinion on Rehab

To the Editor:

I walked out of the GHI Membership Meeting feeling as if my home was invaded and programmed to the tastes of the indomitable Rehabbers. A profound issue sorely divides us.

It doesn't matter that I think my private space is not a public one. Rehabbers think it is. My own is violated and changed against my will. At the membership meeting, Rehabbers proselytized like religionists converting the Philistines. They besmirched "concerned" neighbors with bad characterizations.

Rehab principles were perverted when they ceased to know where the public interest stops and the private begins. Making a coop argument for justice is a condemnable excuse. We're dealing here with individual families, finances, and living styles. Rehab is talking higher monthly charges, loss of privacy, and possibly our very homes through perilous debt . . .

— April 2, 1981

Open Letter to the Board

. . . There is no "prestige" or "political advancement" involved in being a Director or elected worker, and little remuneration. There is a great amount of work to be done. Only a public-spirited community concern should induce one to undertake the job.

From those who understand this, you receive appreciation and our thanks for representing us to the best of your ability . . .

— July 16, 1981

The Last Word

To the Editor:

. . . as Mr. . . . pointed out the width of the sidewalk does not tell the whole story. It was such amateur inspection that he was complaining about.

. . . Any half-wit knows that there is little relationship between the many trips trucks

made up and down Ridge Road, using gallons of gas, and the amount of actual work done by the workmen doing the joy riding.

Furthermore, it is not the workmen we are criticizing but the management that wastes not only our gas and workmen's time but is about to be given a free hand with millions of dollars of our money. . . .

I am proud to be a dissident. If it weren't for a few like myself and Mr. . . . GHI would be even less responsible to the membership.

There may be no hope for GHI as a housing cooperative for low income people. It may be that it will either become another Georgetown where none but a favored few can afford to live or a government subsidy. As long as I live in Greenbelt I shall fight either eventuality.

(Editor's Note: With this reply to the replies of Janet James and Joseph Jenkins to William Offenbacher's comments on Janet James letter in response to

. . . , frankly, we've forgotten what, the editorial board of the News Review is calling a halt to any further letters on the cement work of 1974, '75 or '78, its inspection, and the repairs of flat roofs during the same period.)

— October 18, 1979

Editors Note on The Editor's Note: Normally in these special editions we omit all names in re-printing letters. However, in this case putting blanks in editor's note, in place of the names would have made (blank) reading. We hope we haven't offended anyone.

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REHAB INFORMATION

Final Inspections

Starting in early December, GHIDC will perform a final inspection of windows, insulation, and heat and hot water conversion work. Inspections will begin in the north end of town and proceed to the south end. A schedule of these inspections will be available in the near future.

Purpose

Phase II contracts for rehab work such as heat and hot water conversion are coming to a close. On each contract, GHIDC holds a 20% retention of charges for rehab work. Before this money is released to the contractor, the work must be satisfactory to GHI. By performing this last inspection, GHIDC can be sure that rehab work meets GHI's standards.

Member Assistance

GHI members can be extremely helpful in determining whether rehab work has been completed satisfactorily. If you have problems with rehab work, list the problems on a piece of paper. Then tape the paper to your service-side door so the inspector will see it when he comes to do the final inspection. Among other things, inspectors will be verifying that patching has been completed and that new equipment has been installed properly. The inspector will fill out a "Final Inspection Report" noting any areas which need to be completed. A copy of the report will be left in your home.

You can also help the final inspections by providing access to your home. Inspectors will make every attempt to enter. If problems with keys or dogs render the unit inaccessible, then GHIDC has to assume that the rehab work is satisfactory. Any items that are not properly completed that cannot be inspected may then become your responsibility.

Notification

You will receive a letter about the final inspection at least one week before the inspection is scheduled for your home.

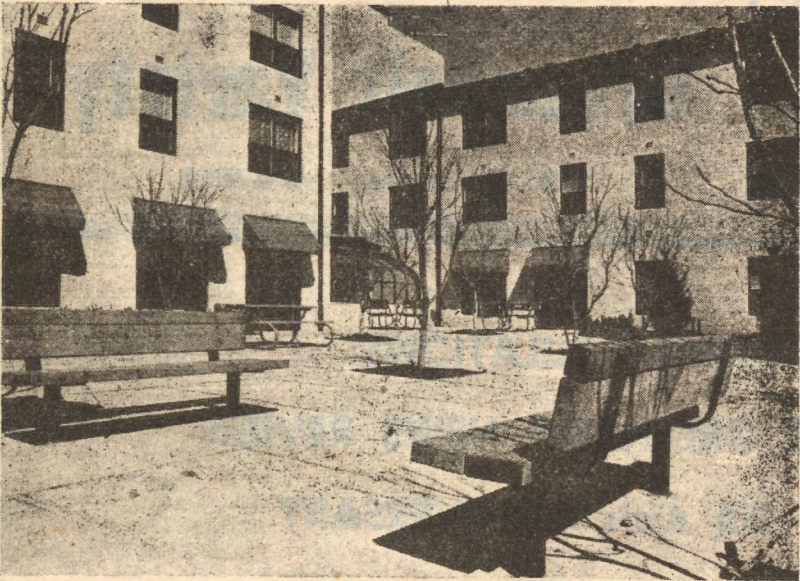
The GHIDC standard "day-before" door hanger will also be hung on your door one working day before the inspection will take place. To ensure an accurate and efficient inspection, tape your list of problems with rehab work to your service-side door at that time.

If the inspector is unable to enter your home or has other access problems, one part of a two-part door hanger will be hung on your door. The other part will be kept with GHIDC records about your home.

Thanks

GHIDC and GHI staff wish to thank members for their cooperation and patience during the tremendous task — heat and hot water conversion — undertaken and completed this year.

A Happening



Morning sun drenches the patio of Green Ridge House the day of the Open House, Sunday, March 18. Decorative, spring-blooming Golden Rain trees are interspersed with benches; picnic and umbrella tables will be added later.

Snuggled into the corner between the two wings is the green house. Three doors lead to the patio from the hall, dining room (left), and multi-purpose room (right). Orange canvas awnings provide morning shade indoors.

— photo by Jay Henson

Green Ridge Open House

by Mary Lou Williamson

Greenbelters by the scores toured Green Ridge House all day Sunday, March 18. Curtis Furgason, CMF Management Co., told the city council Monday, March 19 he was amazed at the number of interested people who came to see the facility. "I am pleased by the complimentary remarks made," he said. "I am proud to be a part of it."

Council was pleased, too. "A very good crowd," agreed Councilman Charles Schwan, "everyone was quite enthusiastic. Jim Giese and Dennis Piendak, representing the city, the contractor (Harkins) and CDA really have done a very good job . . . Green Ridge House will be a boon to those who will live there."

Councilman Thomas X. White echoed those statements. He, too, was "surprised at the numbers of people" touring on Sunday. He found them "pleased with the product. Giese and his staff really had to put a little more effort into the job than they had expected. . . ."

— March 29, 1979



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Permission for Underground Shelter Denied GHI Builder

by Alexander Barnes

At a special board meeting held Thursday, June 19, the GHI board rose above compassion to deny a member's request to complete an underground shelter adjacent to his end unit. In a moment of some drama climaxing the meeting the designer and builder addressed the board before the final vote was taken:

STOP!

To the Editor:

More noise pollution, more air pollution, more wasted gas, more traffic confusion, more money wasted on unneeded stop signs - all because of a long outmoded theory of traffic control that says "stop anything that moves as often as possible".

We've certainly wiped out the concept of a town that was originally designed with six miles of traffic arteries (instead of 26 miles of gridiron streets), plus courts, pedestrian underpasses, and a remarkable 40 year safety record that isn't the result of clogging the arteries with stop signs.

Of course they do give us all time to pause and glare balefully at each other (5 to 6 times to the Center or to get out of town for me) while wondering, "Is he really going to stop?", "Is she ever going to go?". Courtesy is as often a disservice as a help in trying to get traffic moving again if only for two blocks, when you have to go through the process again - and again - and again.

Something to think about: even with gas, comfort, or toll stops I can drive to Norfolk, to Chicago, even to the Canadian border with no more stops than it takes me to get out of town. The interstates

"... have you ever built anything larger than yourself, or created a painting, or given birth to a child?" he pleaded.

In spite of this desperate plea, the board voted 4 to 2 to deny his request to complete the shelter.

— July 12, 1978

use "YIELD" signs - Greenbelt could junk practically all of its stop signs (sell them to College Park, it seems to have the same paranoia, and I'll drive miles to avoid that) and replace them with less than half the number of yield signs.

I've hesitated writing this letter - for fear the council would realize they haven't placed stop-signs at each court entrance, but they probably would have thought of it anyway.

— January 26, 1978

A Plea

Before council voted to adjourn at 1:15 a.m. following agenda item 41, Councilman Charles Schwan made his annual brief but urgent plea to council. "If we are to be faced with agendas of this kind during the summer, it is ridiculous not to consider meeting more frequently than once a month."

No one, except two members of the press, seemed to hear him.

— June 28, 1979

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Dirty Business or Going to the Dogs

by Linda Orenstein

When I became a resident of Charlestowne Village, I had no idea that I would be reliving my childhood. But hopscotch is a part of my daily life and I have thought of adopting "Tiptoe through the Tulips" as my theme song. The problem is that what I have been tiptoeing through has not been tulips . . .

— March 2, 1978

Roving Toms a Nuisance

by Mary Kimmel

Alfred, Buster, and all you amorous Tom cats serenading me at night, I love you! But I also love my sleep! My reputation as a cat lover must be spreading through the feline population of Greenbelt, for the chorus of howls outside my window is ever-increasing.

First there was the big fat-faced Russian Blue. Every evening he wanders into the court "purrowing" around my house and onto my back porch. Many times he has persistently sung all through the night, stubbornly returning after I've thrown things at him, hurled epithets from the window, and even chased him. He shows up in fair or even the foulest weather. He has adopted me and thinks my yard is his territory, which he defends with a vengeance, despite my own neutered, peace-loving cats whose territory this really is!

Two of Russian Blue's old competitors — a battered old Siamese with crimped ear and tail, and a black-and-white long-hair with half-bald, infected face — have disappeared. They have either mercifully gone to cat heaven or, alas, could it be someone is actually taking care of them!?

But others have taken their

place. There's the quiet orange tomcat. He pays me a visit off and on, leaving his aroma on my windows, doors, and shrubs. Aside from his fragrance, he's usually no nuisance, but the Russian Blue will not share the porch with anyone. The orange cat has lately been staying part of the night, causing Russian Blue to howl and challenge him to fight.

Were this not enough, other toms have shown up. Just a young tabby, a black-and-white neighbor, has come to solicit me, or perhaps to take lessons from the two older cats. Sleek, beautiful and playful, he arouses Russian Blue to fierce jealousy and the two commence a howling showdown. Oh, what a lovely duet!

One recent night, all came to call at the same time. My cats were also perturbed at this visitation, and growled and hissed at the windows.

Despite my chasing the tom cats off several times, they persisted into the wee hours of the morning, until I called one owner and pleaded that they take their cat in.

For the love of cats and people, owners please keep your toms in at night! . . .

— February 23, 1978

and they hadn't even been formally introduced. "Shotzy" was going to remedy that right now, but, the nightcap she got wasn't "Mud" in her eye for they were downright antisocial. How they could have been so hard to get along with, in this friendly neighborhood, nobody knew. And they were full of dirty tricks . . . and stuff.

With a yip and a yell she put herself in four paw drive and zapped back into the house pushing her nose through the "Oriental", the drapes, the bed covers and anything else that would help ease the burning and the phew!

Naturally Dad slept through the whole ordeal and Mama awoke him with . . . "Do you smell something peculiar"? Dad tried hard to lift his lids, without success, and grunted "Naw, go back to sleep"! Neither of them yet realized the full impact of what had happened. In fact both were still half asleep. Then all of a sudden Dad sat straight up in bed and ordered: "Shut that blasted window"! So Mama did, thereby shutting all the essence of "Skunk" INSIDE the house. That didn't work too good so finally they woke up altogether and stick "Shotzy" in a tub and scrubbed her with everything from Tide to Tidy Bowl. "Shotzy" wasn't very popular at this point and there was some question as to who man's best friend really was . . .

— July 19, 1979

The Ohm's Goodbye

To the Editor:

I am leaving Greenbelt because my owners are moving to Pennsylvania. Were it up to me, I would stay. For 12 years, I enjoyed walking around Greenbelt watching and indeed smelling the seasons change (Some of the local canines may even miss me.)

In any case, I am not seeking any special recognition I don't deserve. I just wanted you to know once and for all that I, a mixed Spaniel/Terrier walked around the 1¼-mile perimeter of Greenbelt Lake 2,650 times, more often than any dog who ever lived—or I'll eat my red sweater.

I am claiming the title and betting it will never be broken. Laid end to end, my treks would have taken me to California. But I stuck with Greenbelt Lake.

My claim is verifiable, of course. Everybody to whom the lake is familiar has seen me strolling and would recognize me at a glance. And, of course one or another of my owners always accompanied me (under the pretext that the law required my leashing).

Ohm

— April 10, 1980

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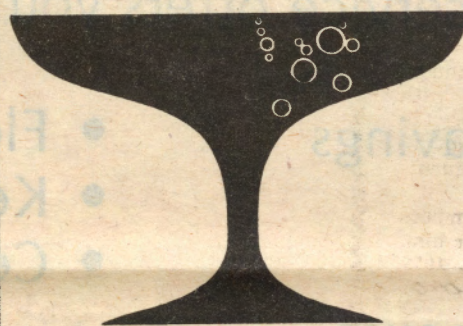
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UNVENTED KEROSENE HEATERS

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DOGS

The Board also concurred in a resolution formulated by members of the Aesthetics and Environment Pet Subcommittee. The resolution notes that it is a violation of GHI regulations and City and County laws if a dog runs loose, barks frequently, is not cleaned up after, or destroy lawns. Members are urged to abide by the pet regulations. GHI staff will help members deal with any pet problems. As the resolution says, "With your help, we can eliminate some unpleasant conditions which trouble us."



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Greenbelter Linda Cheryl Castek has been named one of the first Dean's Scholars for the University of Maryland's new human ecology program.

Rhonda Brown, granddaughter of Marie Brown of Green Ridge House and daughter of Timothy Brown, recently left for M.P. duty at Fort McClellan, Ala. Her grandfather, Jim, worked for GHI.

Congratulations to Mary and Joe Karitas of 2-D Southway on the occasion of their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on November 25, Thanksgiving Day.

Congratulations to Newt and Mary Keller Merricks, now of Florida, on the birth of their first child, Jonathan Andrew, who was born on November 11. Proud grandparents are Andy and Anne Keller of Olivewood Court, and Jean Merricks of Florida.



GHI BOARD MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday
November 30, 1982
8:00 p.m.
Proposed Budget for 1983
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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday
December 2, 1982
8:00 p.m.
1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
a. Manager's Proposed Budget for 1983
b. Weatherstripping Survey
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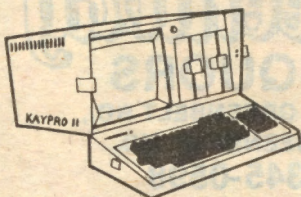


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